

REMARKS

In the above-noted action, the Examiner issued a requirement that Applicant select a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. In the Examiner's view, species 1 is disclosed, which is embodiment 1 as shown in Figs. 9, 10A and 10B; and a species 2 is disclosed, being embodiment 2 as shown in Fig. 11.

Applicant elects, with traverse, species 1 for prosecution in this application. Claims 1-9 read on this species. The two species are not patentably distinct and are obvious variants. As will be appreciated by reference to Fig. 10A, a single connection bar is utilized which is contrasted to Fig. 11 in which more than one connection bar is utilized. In both species, at least a connection bar connects the unit board to the base board.

Claim 1 has been amended to make it unequivocally clear that in practicing Applicant's invention only one connection bar is required.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this response, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (408) 453-9200.

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ATTACHMENT A

In the following, Claim 1 is amended, and no changes are made to Claims 2-9. The addition is in bold typeface and underlined.

1. (Amended) A reel-deployable printed circuit board comprising:
an elongated, flexible base board having opposite edges and a slit formed into it, the slit having an inner periphery defining a unit board within the flexible base board; and,
at least a connection bar connecting the unit board to the base board such that the unit board is pivotable on the connection bar relative to the base board.

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